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Applicant : Ricci et al  
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For: Microstructured Dual Sided Membrane for Tissue Growth and Regeneration

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION PURSUANT TO  
35 U.S.C. §121 and 37 C.F.R. §1.142  
RECONSIDERATION OF THE REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.143  
and  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2003, a Petition to Extend the time for Response for three months from September 9, 2003 to January 9, 2004 is attached hereto. Enclosed please find the Associate Power of Attorney. Please amend the above identified application as follows:

**Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Claims** none.

**Amendment to the Drawings** none.

**Remarks/Arguments** begins on page 2 of this paper.

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